



# DREAMWEEK

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR DREAMWEEK 2018

### DARYL DAVIS AND AMAL KASSIR TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING DREAMWEEK SUMMIT

**(SAN ANTONIO, TX) Two keynote speakers have been announced for the 2018 DreamWeek Summit.**

The speakers, Daryl Davis and Amal Kassir, will each address their experience in social and humanitarian activism with respect to the DreamWeek themes of tolerance, equality, and diversity.

Daryl Davis will deliver the keynote address for the DreamWeek 2018 Opening Ceremony on January 5. Davis, a musician, author, and lecturer, has written a book and produced a documentary in which he reflects on his experience working with members of the Ku Klux Klan. He has earned the attention of national press outlets for his unorthodox approach to resolving racial tension, which he sums up in one brief statement: “Establish dialogue. When two enemies are talking, they're not fighting.”

Amal Kassir, a Syrian-American spoken word poet and activist, will speak at the DreamWeek 2018 Awards Luncheon on January 12. Her work in the community involves humanitarian initiatives for Syria, speaking out and organizing against Islamophobia, and empowering the voices of the marginalized through writing and speaking. At just 22 years of age, Kassir will become the youngest individual to deliver a keynote speech at the DreamWeek Summit.

DreamWeek 2018 will conclude on Saturday, January 20 with the Inaugural Mayor’s Ball, which will feature performances by the city’s top performance artists and entertainers presented by DreamVoice and selected by Mayor Ron Nirenberg. In a recent statement, the mayor reflected on the impact that the annual summit has made on the local community: “DreamWeek is one of the most forward-looking and iconic developments in San Antonio in the last decade.”

The DreamWeek summit comprises 16 days of symposiums, panel discussions, performances, and more, all designed to inspire discourse on civil issues relating to tolerance, equality, and diversity. The 2018 Summit is expected lineup of more than 200 partner-hosted events. Visit [www.dreamweek.org](http://www.dreamweek.org) to learn more.

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*DreamVoice, LLC, presenters of DreamWeek, comprises a collection of community advocates from all walks of life. The singular commitment is to promote an environment in which issues facing our global community are addressed in a civic and civil manner, while empowering those who seek the understanding and education required for peaceful coexistence.*

